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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 20 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 64th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/680) [163].

2. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16)

   (b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

3 p.m. 65th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16)

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.33 (International Conference on Population and Development) (item 93 (f)); A/C.2/53/L.19 (General Assembly special session on the Habitat Agenda) (item 93 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.32 (UNITAR) (item 96 (b))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

[Informal consultations to be announced]

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.37, L.57 and L.58

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.28, L.29/Rev.1, L.47 and L.63

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.65

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.45

5. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/53/L.64

6. Closure of the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Revolving Credit Fund (A/52/822 and A/53/645)

   Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655)

   Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system" (A/53/171 and A/53/670)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111] (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217, A/53/335 and Add.1, A/53/513, A/52/867 and A/53/508)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and A/53/659)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009, A/53/7/Add.1, A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.1, A/C.5/53/30 and A/53/664))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board; Application of ICITO/GATT for withdrawal from UNJSPF

Draft report

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UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1392nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 20 November 1998

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordinating meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal briefing

In connection with the work of the Intergovernmental Forum of Forests (IFF), an informal briefing by the delegations of Costa Rica and Canada on their intersessional initiative in support of Category III of the programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum (International arrangements and mechanisms to promote management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests) will be held *today*, 20 November 1998, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 23 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 66th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [33]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/554);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38).

2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676*);

   (b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

3 p.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676*);

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

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* To be issued.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the

Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work))* on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

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The Annual Meeting of the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations will be held on 24 and 25 November 1998. The Annual Meeting will open on Tuesday, 24 November, at 10.30 in the Deputy Secretary-General's Conference Room (room S-3858), and will continue at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. On Wednesday, 25 November, the meetings will be held at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal briefings

There will be a briefing on the informal consultations held on guidelines for sustainable consumption by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea will hold a briefing on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on Monday, 23 November 1998, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank on "*World Development Report 1998/99*: Knowledge for Development" on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Carl Dahlman, Director of the *World Development Report 1998/99*, and Ms. Tara Wishwanath, a member of the report development team, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 49th meeting

Organization of work

The Deputy to the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and China.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.53

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group and Yemen, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft proposals

A/C.3/53/L.39

The representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, Costa Rica, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Liechtenstein and Portugal, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.49

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bahamas, Belize, Croatia, Ghana, Honduras, Iraq, Luxembourg, Panama, Thailand and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Burundi, Djibouti, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.60

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Slovakia and Sweden, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Estonia and Pakistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Iceland, Israel and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote, after which a statement was made by the representative of Ukraine.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.54

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Israel and Malaysia joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement, after which the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, Micronesia (Federated States of), the Sudan and Togo joined as sponsors of the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote, after which a statement was made by the representative of Singapore.

Implementation of the outcome of the fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.27

The Secretary read out a statement on programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 104.

Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft proposals

A/C.3/53/L.22/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement on programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution.

Israel, Monaco, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The representative of Cuba made a statement during the course of which he requested a separate vote on operative paragraph 26.

The representative of India made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The representatives of Canada and the United States spoke on a point of order.

The Committee adopted operative paragraph 26 by a recorded vote of 93 to 7, with 38 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

A/C.3/53/L.23 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/53/L.62

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.3/53/L.62, containing programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark orally revised the draft resolution.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and France joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft proposals

A/C.3/53/L.33

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 104 to 44, with 10 abstentions.

The representatives of the Niger and San Marino made statements regarding their votes.

A/C.3/53/L.40

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Comoros, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Indonesia, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Benin, the Comoros, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, the Niger, Romania and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.50

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malawi, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft proposals

A/C.3/53/L.38

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representatives of El Salvador, Egypt, Pakistan, the Sudan, Fiji and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 63 to 35, with 60 abstentions.

The representatives of the Russian Federation and Brazil made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

A/C.3/53/L.43

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

Nicaragua joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Haiti made a statement.

A/C.3/53/L.51

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

New Zealand joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of France and Turkey.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a vote on the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 115 to 3, with 34 abstentions.

The representatives of the Russian Federation, Peru and Venezuela made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

A statement was also made by the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

Thursday, 19 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3945th meeting

The situation in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (S/1998/318)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of two draft resolutions, contained in documents S/1998/1090 and S/1998/1091, respectively, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the first draft resolution (S/1998/1090).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1090) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1208 (1998).

The Council also proceeded to the vote on the second draft resolution (S/1998/1091).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1091) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1209 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

62nd plenary meeting

Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/53/219) [48]

The General Assembly took note of the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

The President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway, Croatia, Egypt, Lesotho, Turkey, Costa Rica, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 48.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/53/L.34) [37]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 37.

The representative of Chile made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.34.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.34 (resolution 53/28).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 37.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/288, A/53/315, A/53/421 and Corr.1 (English only));

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20 and A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 44.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, the United States, Brazil, Japan, Uruguay, Burkina Faso (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity), Venezuela, Canada, Argentina, Spain and Colombia.

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/53/L.20 and A/53/L.22/Rev.2 would be taken at a later date to allow time for the review of their programme budget implications.

63rd plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16);

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.16.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Turkey, Brazil, Senegal, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Australia, Mexico, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Kyrgyzstan and Singapore.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 23rd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Senegal, Israel, Cuba, Ghana, the United States, Qatar, Jordan, Tunisia, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

24th meeting

Note: The summary of the 24th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/ 225).

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Addendum to the summary of the 22nd meeting of the Special Committee and Political and Decolonization Committee (*Journal* No. 1998/223, pp. 11-12): under item 18 (Question of Guam), the following text should be inserted as a sixth paragraph of the summary:

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a consolidated draft resolution which incorporated the draft resolution on Guam.

THIRD COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Note: The summary of the 50th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/ 225).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Pattern of Conferences [117] *(A/51/946, A/52/685 and A/53/ 669)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/669).

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative of Austria who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and China.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Note: The summary of the 34th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/ 225).

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1998

358th and 359th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee considered the third periodic report of Tunisia (CAT/C/20/Add.7). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1998

360th meeting

The High Commissioner on Human Rights made a statement.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted conclusions and recommendations on Hungary and the United Kingdom.

361st (closed) meeting

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1998

33rd and 34th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Israel (E/1990/5/Add.30) and began its consideration of the third periodic of Cyprus (E/1998/104/Add.12). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government (Cyprus) and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1998

35th and 36th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Israel (E/1990/5/Add.30) in closed session.

It then continued, in public session, its consideration of the third periodic of Cyprus (E/1998/104/Add.12). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

The third United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "The Future of Audio-visual Memory", organized by the Department of Public Information, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will close *today*, 20 November 1998.

Beginning at 9.45 a.m., four panels will be held in the Economic and Social Council Chamber on the following themes: "Consumption and Abuse of Reality in the Multimedia Environment" (moderated by Danny Schecter, Globalvision); "The Convergence between Television and Internet" (moderated by Don West, Broadcasting & Cable Publishing Group); "The Impact of Digital Television", moderated by Elisabeth Guider, Variety); and "Bridging the Gap Among Continents" (moderated by Philippe Cayla, EUTELSAT).

At 5.35 p.m., the closing session will include a summary statement of the Forum delivered by Carlo Sartori, RAISAT, and statements by the Permanent Representatives of Italy and Japan to the United Nations. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, will make a concluding statement.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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On Tuesday, 24 November 1998, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a reading from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., followed by a concert programme, entitled "A World Free of Violence", from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to mark the eve of the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women. Writers reading from their works will include E. M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley and Carol Jenkins. The concert programme will include works by Bach and Fauré. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Also, on Tuesday, 24 November, an inter-agency exhibition, coordinated by UNIFEM, entitled "A Life Free of Violence against Women", will open at the North-East corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building and will be displayed until 3 December 1998 and, from 3 to 11 December 1998, in the first basement of the Conference Building (near the Viennese Cafe).

For more detailed information about these events, please contact the office of UNIFEM (tel.: (212) 906-6339).

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Africa Industrialization Day

(20 November 1998)

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly *today*, 20 November 1998, at 10 a.m.

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Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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